



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Seventh District**

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### **San Diego Family Justice Center & Verizon Wireless Launch HopeLine Drive**

**WHO:** Councilmember Marti Emerald, San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne, City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, Jeff Carle from San Diego Fire & Rescue, Verizon Wireless Regional President Luis Cruz, and executives from the San Diego Family Justice Center.

**WHAT:** A news conference announcing the launch of the month-long Verizon Wireless HopeLine drive with the Family Justice Center and other City departments. There will also be a presentation of a HopeLine grant to the San Diego Family Justice Center.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** San Diego Family Justice Center  
707 Broadway, Suite 700, San Diego, CA 92101

**WHY:** In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the San Diego Family Justice Center is working with the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program to collect no-longer used wireless phones, batteries and equipment from any wireless provider in a month-long phone drive during October 2009. Verizon Wireless will donate the refurbished wireless phones and airtime (in English & Spanish) to victims of domestic violence, as well as recycle them to offer funding and other contributions to non-profit domestic violence shelters and prevention programs like the San Diego Family Justice Center. For more information, visit [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline).

The San Diego Family Justice Center is a public safety initiative launched by the City of San Diego to assist victims of family violence. At the Family Justice Center, several agencies have come together to provide consolidated and coordinated legal, social, and health services to women, men, children, and families in need. Victims can now come to one location to talk to an advocate, get a restraining order, plan for their safety, talk to a police officer, and meet with a prosecutor, receive information on shelter, and get help with transportation. For more information, visit [www.familyjusticecenter.org](http://www.familyjusticecenter.org).

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